

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

Defects in ana edge portion of a disk ~~is~~are detected by irradiating ~~a~~an inspected region of an outer peripheral surface of the disk with a light beam spot through an inside portion of the disk. The ~~and receiving~~ scattered light from the inspected region is received by ~~means of a~~ first light receiving system provided externally of the disk in a vicinity of the inspected region. Therefore, there is substantially no scattered light detected from alien objects attached externally of the disk.